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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 27, 2004, and in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, which includes information cited in parent Application Nos. 09/699,852 (Issued as US Patent No. 6,741,344), 08/823,824 (Issued as US Patent No. 6,141,096) and 08/195,899 (Issued as US Patent No. 5,631,734).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited in the parent applications, and to make the documents cited therein of record in the instant application. Applicants include these documents on the Form PTO-1449 attached hereto.

The Examiner is reminded that this application is also a continuation of Application No. 09/542,151, which has matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,611,767, which is

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a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/996,737, now U.S. Patent No. 6,090,555, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/069,032. Documents cited in these parent applications have previously been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 27, 2004.

Applicants also bring to the attention of the Examiner:

WO 92/10588, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 1, last paragraph; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,445,934, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning on page 1, last paragraph.

U.S. Patent No. 4,815,274;

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Applicants once again note that Claims 46-49 and 59-61 of the present application are copies or substantial copies of claims 1-4 and 14-16, respectively, from US Patent No. 6,591,196 to YAKHINI et al., issue July 8, 2003. Applicants also note that claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,768,820 to YAKHINI et al., have been copied or substantially copied in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application 10/828,613, and claims from U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0264807 A1 to YAKHINI, have been copied or substantially copied in commonly assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application 11/320,826.

Applicants note that the following documents are listed on the face of U.S. Patent No. 6,591,196 to YAKHINI et al., issued July 8, 2003:

U.S. Patent No. 5,581,487;

U.S. Patent No. 5,720,928;

U.S. Patent No. 5,721,435;

U.S. Patent No. 5,744,305;

U.S. Patent No. 5,801,970;

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R 1.98, copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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documents not be readily available to the Examiner, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned and additional copies will be submitted.

Applicants also direct the Examiner to the files at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,591,196, 6,768,820, and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0264807 A1, to YAKHINI et al. for copies of the documents cited therein. Of course, should any of the documents not be readily available to the Examiner, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned and additional copies will be submitted. In this regard, Applicants are presently obtaining copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent literature cited in the YAKHINI et al. Patent Nos. 6,591,196, 6,768,820, and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0264807 A1, for forwarding to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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The documents cited in the parent applications, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,591,196 and 6,768,820, in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004-0264807 A1, and as cited above are listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the Forms PTO-1449, and to return the initialed copy with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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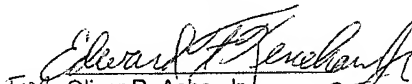
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action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if any fee is required for consideration of this disclosure statement, Applicants hereby authorize the charging of any required fees necessary for consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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